

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Error-Tolerant Progressive Glass Design

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2009. **An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, the Species of Figs. 4 upon which Claims 1-12 and 14-20 are readable for prosecution in this matter. Reconsideration is requested for the reasons set forth below and, in any event, rejoinder of the other claims is requested upon allowance of a generic claim.

Applicants submit that Figs. 4 and 5 are a unity even as to provisionally elected Claims 1-12 and 14-20. In particular, Figs. 1-6 refer to the same to spectacle lenses, namely, one conventional spectacle lens (shown in Figs. 1a...6a) and one spectacle lens according to the invention (shown in Figs. 1b...6b). The